

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A backpack having an upright condition during use, said backpack
2 comprising:
3 means for securement to a wearer;
4 a top compartment having a first fluid reservoir for untreated
5 water, said top compartment having an outlet positioned to enable said
6 untreated water to drain when said backpack is in said upright condition;
7 a central compartment for storing belongings;
8 a bottom compartment on a side of said central compartment
9 opposite to said top compartment, said bottom compartment having a second
10 fluid reservoir for filtered water, said bottom compartment including an inlet;
11 a water filtration path connecting said outlet of said first fluid
12 reservoir to said inlet of said second fluid reservoir such that liquid in said first
13 fluid reservoir is in a gravity-feed relationship with said second fluid reservoir
14 via said water filtration path, said water filtration path including a water filter;
15 and
16 a water drinking tube connected to one of said second fluid
17 reservoir and a portion of said water filtration path between said water filter
18 and said second fluid reservoir, said water drinking tube having an outlet end
19 for enabling selective extraction of said treated water.
- 1 2. The backpack of claim 1 wherein said outlet end of said water drinking
2 tube includes a mouthpiece.
- 1 3. The backpack of claim 1 wherein said means for securement includes
2 shoulder straps.

1 4. The backpack of claim 1 wherein each said top and bottom compartment
2 has a longest dimension that is generally horizontal when said backpack is in
3 said upright condition.

1 5. The backpack of claim 4 wherein said bottom compartment has openings
2 at opposite ends of said longest dimension, said openings being sized to
3 enable insertion of items into said bottom compartment for storage in addition
4 to said second fluid reservoir.

1 6. The backpack of claim 5 wherein said openings have elastic that enables
2 selective access therethrough.

1 7. The backpack of claim 1 wherein said water filter is contained in said
2 bottom compartment.

1 8. The backpack of claim 1 further comprising an adjustment system for
2 selectively expanding and contracting the volume of said central compartment
3 in a horizontal dimension so as to generally maintain a vertical dimension
4 while the contents of said central compartment are varied.